

ALL NEW ZEALANDERS WELL-HOUSED



Community Housing Aotearoa, September 30, 2016 Newsletter

Kia ora koutou

Here we are at the National Māori Housing Conference in Tauranga Moana.

The theme of the conference is: **collaboration and strategic relationships, ma whero ma pango ka oti ai te mahi**, through collaboration and strategic relationships the work will be completed.

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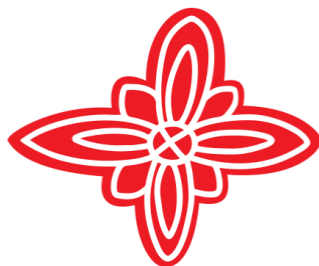


We're in day two now and what an awesome event. Yesterday we heard from the people of Tauranga Moana about the ongoing journey of connectiveness of their papakainga and housing projects. As Pirihia Cribb, our favourite MC said "these are real stories about real families". With Māori housing its not just about houses. It's the connectiveness between the people, the marae, and their economic and social well being.



The Tauranga Moana people have made us feel very welcome.

Member profile – Monte Cecilia Housing Trust



MONTE CECILIA

Monte Cecilia Housing Trust is based in the centre of Counties Manukau - where 110,000 people live in overcrowded housing situations. Garages and cars are commonly used as housing options while Auckland rents soar. CEO, Bernie Smith, talks about the new emergency housing funding and what it has meant for Monte Cecilia – and what it could mean. [Read more here.](#)

Guidance notes from the Community Housing Regulatory Authority

The Community Housing Regulatory Authority has released a series of guidance notes designed to provide more information on different aspects of the regulatory process. The guidance notes to date cover:

- Class I Social Landlord: What sets you apart?
- Separation of services
- Board minutes now mandatory documents for annual regulatory reporting
- Suspension and revocation process

The guidance notes can be found on the [CHRA website](#) here and they plan to add to the collection over time. If you have any suggestions for a topic to be included in a guidance note feel free to contact them [here](#).

Feedback on 27 September NZCID Social Housing Funding forum



It was encouraging to hear Minister of Finance Bill English acknowledge the need for a 10-15 year pipeline of supply at this forum – we were all waiting to hear an announcement to follow – but alas there was none. Read the press release following the event [here](#).

Housing supply data survey - update

CHA would like to thank all of you who took the time to respond to our survey for the quarter ending 31 March 2016. We are building on the work conducted in 2014 to get a more comprehensive and dynamic view of the sector. These responses yielded some exciting results. The 20 community housing organisations who responded provided information on 2,225 homes across New Zealand with an occupancy rate of 98%. We observed great diversity in the types of housing being provided by the sector:

- 49% of respondents reported providing long term rental
- 21% provide rent-to-buy schemes for occupants
- 14% provide residential group housing

- 16% is made up of a mixture of ownership schemes, transitional housing, emergency housing, and shared ownership

The survey also showed the diversity of target groups in these homes: with low income families (28%) and people with mental health needs (16%) clearly targeted. Other targeted (<10% in each area) areas included: elderly/kaumatua, homeless, key workers, low income single people, people with disabilities, ex-prisoners, Māori, and youth. 44% had unspecific targeting.

The next survey will be for the period ending September 30th and we know from previous work that the community housing stock in New Zealand exceeds 5000.

We'd love to be able to report on all these 5000 homes for this round. **We'll be sending out the next survey form soon and while this process is voluntary, we urge you to take part now. This survey is an important step towards having a better understood and resourced community housing sector.**

Please [contact us here](#) if you want more information.

Community Housing Aotearoa AGM 26 October – Auckland



The Front Room, Spark New Zealand, 167 Victoria Street West, Auckland

Nominations for an elected position on the CHA Council have closed. We have four nominations, these are:

- Bernardette Pinnell (Compass Housing New Zealand)
- Bernie Smith (Monte Cecilia Housing Trust)
- Neil Porteous (Tāmaki Housing Association)
- Victoria Kingi (Nga Potiki a Tamapahore Trust and Papakainga Solutions Ltd)

[Go here to see the agenda and nomination statements](#). The voting forms and proxy form are also available on this page. They need to be returned to CHA by **2:00pm Tuesday 25 October 2016**.

Please consider joining us for the panel discussion on Our Place in the morning. Can you please let us know if you will be attending these events [here](#).

Social Investment in Community Housing: moving beyond traditional grant making



This is a unique opportunity to be part of the solutions that drive new investment in community housing by joining forces with like-minded funders, providers and investors.

Tuesday 25 October

10am - 4pm

The Front Room, Spark New Zealand, 167 Victoria Street West, Auckland.

[Go here to register.](#)

In the news

- [The Salvation Army is to receive more than \\$1.5 million to fund 884 emergency housing places across the country each year.](#)
- [Auckland Council's Finance and Performance Committee approved funding of \\$2 million to the James Liston Hostel in the Auckland CBD to enhance the quality and quantity of emergency housing for rough sleepers and homeless people.](#)
- [Councils can now submit indicative proposals for the Government's \\$1 billion Housing Infrastructure Fund](#)
- [Berry Simons Environmental Law, is calling on the Government to consider the need to address housing demand, rather than focusing only on bringing more supply to the market, in its bid to curb Auckland's severe housing shortage.](#)
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Job news



Salvation Army NZ are looking to appoint a Director- social housing

The National Director, supported by a small team, will be responsible for implementing three key strategic objectives over the next five years – the first is to develop a continuous improvement path of operational excellence; the second is to achieve moderate and sustainable growth with the assistance of government support; and the third is to establish and entrench the “Mission in Place” model into the social housing portfolio. They are looking for someone to:

- lead the newly created social housing programme
- provide a strategic and operational focus
- will be based in Wellington

The position closes on **16 October**. [Go here for more information](#).

Research



Housing older people actually want

Responding to the rising tide of an ageing population KAY SAVILLE-SMITH tells us that older people would like smaller homes and gardens in walkable neighbourhoods, but find it difficult to find smaller suitable homes. Her findings are part of Finding the Best Fit, a Centre for Research, Evaluation and Social Assessment (CRESA) three-year research programme exploring older people's desire and capacity to downsize. [Go here to read this article in a recent edition of Property Professional](#).

Networking Event with Jenny Samms, CEO of Aboriginal Housing Victoria (AHV)



Tuesday, 4 October 2016, 4:30-6:30 pm, Wellington

The **Australasian Housing Institute, Community Housing Aotearoa and Te Matapihi** would like to invite members and friends to attend this event with Jenny Samms, CEO of Aboriginal Housing Victoria. Aboriginal Housing Victoria is a registered community housing association in Victoria, Australia. Hear about their experience in building organisational capacity and in preparing for registration as part of a planned transfer of 1,300 public housing tenancies from the Office of Housing. The first tranche of these properties has been handed over to AHV. An especially relevant experience and story for New Zealand at this time. [Go here for more information and to register.](#)



[Charities Services AGM - 14 November 9.30-12.30](#)

Rydges Latimer, 30 Latimer Square, Christchurch Central

This is an opportunity to learn more about the regulatory environment for the community and voluntary sector and ask any questions you may have on the new reporting standards

[17-18 November -Youth Housing Conference: living the dream Brisbane.](#)

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